



Media Advisory

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County-Wide Exercise to Test Los Angeles County Disaster Healthcare Volunteer Response

WHAT: The L.A. County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency will conduct an exercise with six local hospitals and two community clinics to test the deployment of disaster volunteers that are pre-registered with the County's Disaster Healthcare Volunteer program. The exercise culminates a three-year training and exercise program and will be the first full-scale exercise to deploy healthcare volunteers to healthcare facilities in California.

WHEN: Friday, April 26, 2013. **10AM News Conference**

WHERE: California Hospital Medical Center, Healing Garden
1401 S Grand Ave, Los Angeles, 90015
Parking available on Grand Street and Hope Ave. along campus.
Members of the news media are invited to attend the downtown news conference with emergency preparedness officials or visit one of the other volunteer deployment sites listed on the next page.

EXERCISE

VENUES: PIH Health Hospital (Whittier), Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital (Valencia), Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Center - San Pedro (San Pedro), California Hospital Medical Center (Downtown L.A.), Northridge Medical Center (Northridge), UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica (Santa Monica), Eisner Pediatric and Family Medical Center (Downtown L.A.), Venice Family Clinic (Venice)

WHO: -- Harold Newton, VP and Chief Operating Officer, CA Hospital Medical Center
-- CA EMS Authority Chief, Disaster Medical Services, Lisa Schoenthal
-- L.A. County EMS Agency Director, Cathy Chidester
-- L.A. County Disaster Healthcare Volunteer, Sheila MacDonell

ABOUT: The Disaster Healthcare Volunteer program is a key component of hospital preparedness that ensures teams of highly trained medical professional will be able to response and support the needs of local hospital and clinics in the event of a catastrophic event where such facilities will face sudden patient surge.

DISASTER VOLUNTEER DEPLOYMENT SITES

The deployment exercise will take place at the following hospital and clinic locations. The exercise will begin at each location at 8AM and end at approximately at 11AM. Contact the Public Relations staff below for details:

California Hospital Medical Center

1401 S Grand Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90015
Barbara Bishop
310-991-9141

****This site will also be the location for a 10AM news conference with state and local Emergency Preparedness officials.**

Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital

23845 McBean Pkwy, Valencia, CA 91355
Katreena Salgado
Cell - 626-497-6311
Office - 661-200-1309

Northridge Hospital Medical Center

18300 Roscoe Blvd, Northridge, CA 91328
Teddi Grant
818-885-8500 ext. 4962

PIH Health Hospital

12401 Washington Blvd., Whittier, CA 90602
Monique Rodriguez
Office - 562-698-0811 ext. 81127
Cell - 562-522-4998

Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Center - San Pedro

4101 Torrance Blvd., Torrance, CA 90503
Christopher Riccardi
Cell - 310-347-1451

UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica

1250 16th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90404
Ted Braun
310-925-1558

Eisner Pediatric & Family Medical Center

1530 S Olive St., Los Angeles, California 90015
Cheryl Trinidad
213-747-5542 ext. 3474

Venice Family Clinic

604 Rose Ave., Venice, CA 90291
Christopher Johnson
310-664-7910
